

Membership - general

the NSST is composed of biologists supplemented by other appropriate scientific expertise as required.

Stability in the NSST is desirable - Joint Ventures all name members- the JV evaluation coordinator (where existing) is often the natural person to be on the Team, each JV should establish a fixed contact / liaison (i.e. there will be a formal, core Team membership list)

NSST operation will be by consensus and use electronic fora wherever possible

NSST meetings will be open, inclusive; NAWMP JV coordinators, Flyway technical representatives, Plan committee members - e.g. would be welcome

costs of participation to be addressed - expectation is that flow of funds should occur through existing structures (i.e. JVs would receive and handle funds for their members, etc.)

NSST membership

3 national facilitators (need perception that the NSST works from its broad membership, not centrally-dictated agendas - these persons would be appointed by the national NAWMP co-chairs).

1 member from each Joint Venture, including species JVs.

1 member from AMAT, CWS and SEMARNAP national offices (if they are not otherwise represented)

additional ad-hoc members help may be recruited by the NSST for special purposes

Working Relationships with:

The Plan Committee- This is the primary relationship for the NSST - above all the NSST is intended to provide the best possible science advice for the NAWMP committee.

The National co-chairs appoint the facilitators. The national team facilitators would become Plan Committee ex-officio members

The National Offices- The NSST will use the national NAWMP co-chairs as points of contact for executive actions between NAWMP meetings. In the makeup of the NSST, the USFWS, CWS, and INE should all be represented. There will be need for involvement (formal or otherwise) from the national NAWMP offices, as well as the national migratory bird management offices

The Joint Ventures- Each JV may appoint one member of the NSST

Skill sets and member profiles (time available, positioning, etc.) needed - will be further developed by new NSST

national facilitators - have approximately ½ of staff time to devote to this function. Staff time should be devoted to this by each organization contributing.

Recruiting people- The NAWMP co-chairs and the JVs have responsibilities to name individuals

NEXT STEPS

- comments on functions from participants will be accepted by Mark until June 19
- Seth will edit discussion of membership
- the combined report to NAWMP committee will be given in August - Seth will coordinate this with the other national offices; a draft will be shared with the people who attended this scoping meeting before the report is finalized
- communication with the JVs will proceed, indicating the results of this discussion, advising the JVs that their involvement is requested and they should be indicating who their members would be - on this basis a preliminary list of members could be compiled
- the naming of national representatives will soon need to be addressed by co-chairs, in the interim these are Ariel, Steve, Seth. The NAWMP committee will be reminded that the cost issue has not been resolved.

Date/venue for first formal meeting

- October 2000 (after October 18 or before October 10?) - interim facilitators will organize - consider Bismarck, Minneapolis, Toronto, Memphis, ...
- the major agenda items - validation of terms of reference, etc. - setting geographic and species priorities for waterfowl (e.g. is a PIF-like approach appropriate or desirable? - is a BCR-based approach more logical for waterfowl)